

Appl. No. 10/817,055
Amendment dated April 6, 2007

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-25, 42-44 and 46-56 remain in this application. Claims 1, 3, 9, 16 and 46 have been amended. Claims 2 and 45 have been canceled. Claims 1, 16 and 52 are independent claims.

In the Office Action dated October 31, 2006 claim 45 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of claims 1 and 2. In response, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claims 2 and 45. Furthermore, Applicants have amended independent claim 16 to include all of the limitations of claims 1, 2 and 45. Claims 2 and 45 have been canceled. Claims 3, 9 and 46 have been amended to be consistent with the aforementioned amendments and cancellations. In view of these amendments, Applicants believe claims 1 and 16, and all dependent claims, are now in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action dated October 31, 2006 claims 53-56 were allowed.

In summary, Applicant believes the claims remaining in this application are all now in condition for allowance. Applicant suggests that disposal of this application can be achieved with only nominal further consideration.

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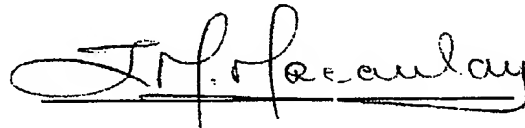
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CONCLUSION

If any further questions should arise prior to a Notice of Allowance, the
Examiner is invited to contact the agent at (530) 304 9010.

Date: April 6, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Macaulay", written over a horizontal line.

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